

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1–18 and 20-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 22-28 are rejected. Claims 18, 20 and 21 are allowed. Claim 13 is objected to, but has been amended to overcome the objection.

Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 22-28 have been canceled without prejudice.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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